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Dear Ms. Vasquez,

Having spoken with Mr. Leonard Grossman, EPA Hazardous Waste Compliance Branch, on June 11, 1992, I am submitting this request under the Freedom of Information Law for information regarding the Air Techniques, Inc. site (70 Cantiague Rock Road), in Hicksville, New York. The location of the site is shown in red on the enclosed copy of the Hicksville, New York U.S.G.S 7-1/2 minute quadrangle.

The property was originally developed by Sylvania Corporation in 1957. Sylvania sold the property in 1972 to the Dewiant Co., from which Air Techniques, Inc. acquired it in 1979. In 1986, Air Techniques also acquired a landlocked portion of property on their eastern boundary from Nassau County. In 1986, Air Techniques began construction of a 30,000 square foot addition to the east side of their existing facility. Thus began the investigative activities at the site, with a cache of drums discovered in the area undergoing excavation. The remedial investigation and subsurface excavation was conducted by ERM-Northeast and Air Techniques in close consultation with NYSDEC and the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH). Air Techniques, Inc. was recently acquired by GTE Corporation. The site is currently listed in the registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites under Classification 2a (Site No. 1-30-040).

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is currently requiring GTE Products Corporation to conduct a Phase II remedial investigation at the Air Techniques site. ERM has been retained by GTE to investigate the nature and extent of contamination at the site. As the Project Geologist for the Phase II investigation, I am collecting information required to classify the site for any further action and developing a Preliminary Assessment (PA) score (similar to the Hazard Ranking System score).

I am interested in the following types of information related to the site:

- operational history, including manufacturing processes;
- past and present waste treatment, storage and disposal practices;
- amount of wastes generated in the past and at present;

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- history of RCRA status and permits held; and
- compliance monitoring and enforcement history.

I understand from the EPA "Guidance for Performing Preliminary Assessments under CERCLA" that such information would be available through the Hazardous Waste Data Management System (HWDMS) and/or the Compliance Enforcement Monitoring Logs (CMELs).

As per Mr. Grossman's directions, I have tried to provide as much specific information as possible regarding both the information I already have on hand and that which I am interested in locating. I will be appreciative of as much information as your office can provide. Please let me know if any further information is required, or if there are other venues through which the HWDMS and CMELs can be accessed. Mr. Grossman indicated that I could expect a response from EPA in 7 days. Thank you.

Sincerely,
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